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VADAKKE CHIRA, PATINJARA CHIRA, Etc., AT TRICHUR MAINTENANCE OF.

90. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Vadakkechira, Padinjarachira and Paramekkavukulam are not maintained by the Trichur Municipality;

(*b*) the amounts spent by either the Municipality or Government for the maintenance and upkeep of the tanks referred to above in the years 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1114;

(*c*) whether electric lights have been put up in the bathing ghats of these tanks;

(*d*) if so, what amounts have been spent for them;

(*e*) whether the tanks are open to all classes;

(*f*) whether there is a proposal to transfer these tanks from the control of the Municipality to the Devaswam Department?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes. They are.

(*b*) The amounts spent by the Municipality for each tank in the years 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1114 are as follows:—

	Vadakkechira	*Padinjarachira*	*Paramekkavukulam*
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1110	151—11—0	881—9—0	132—0—0
1111	132— 0—0	1,125—0—0	132—0—0
1112	156— 5—0	178—0—0	528—0—0
1114	2,124— 0—0	132—0—0	132—0—0

No amounts have been spent by Government for these tanks during the said 4 years.

(*c*) Electric lights have been put up in some of the bathing ghats of the Vadakkechira. No lights have been put up in the athing ghats of the Padinjarachira and Paramekkavukulam.

(*d*) The cost of putting up the 2 lamps in the bathing ghats of Vadakkechira came to Rs. 20.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* At whose instance is the proposal to transfer of the up-keep of the chira from the Municipality to the Devaswam Department?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Government ordered it.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Money has been spent by Government for digging the tanks. May I know whether the Devaswam Department will pay that amount ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Nobody knows when this tank was dug.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether any money has been spent out of public funds not only for the maintenance of the tanks, but for the digging of the tanks and bringing them to the present standard?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no information. Money must have been spent. As regards maintenance up till now the Municipality had been spending money.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Have they got any value now ?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* It is of value to some people.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government insisted upon the Devaswam Department to repay Rs. 2,124 expended on Vadakkechira in 1114 when the management was given back to the Devaswam Department?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Till now it has been maintained by Municipality.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know when this proposal started?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* In which year was the proposal made ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Only this year.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Was it made after the enactment of the Municipal Act ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* What was the particular reason that induced the Government to start this very wonderful proposal ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The reason is that when public funds are spent, it should be open to all castes.

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Mr. President: To enforce that provision we ordered that public fund was not to be spent upon tanks to which everybody has not got access.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: The tanks which have been dug out of public funds are now handed over to the Devaswam Department for maintenance without the cost of their construction being realised. If the Government adopts that policy there is no good of any legislation throwing open these tanks to all castes.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The hon'ble member seems to be under a mistaken impression. These tanks were never dug out with public funds.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Were they temple tanks ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara)*: Were they not originally Devaswam property and subsequently transferred to the Municipality?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: When was it taken over ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We said that public funds should be used for their maintenance only if all communities are allowed to bathe or the owners may resume possession of the tank.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Who were the original owners ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Devaswam.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Accepting that the tanks have been dug out by the Devaswam Department and handed over to the Municipality, may I know whether this policy of retransferring them be extended to other cases where the tank has been dug out of public funds?

Mr. President: The policy of not spending public funds on any institution or conveniences not open to all classes is not intended to be given retrospective effect.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether the amount spent in 1114, i. e., after the coming into operation of the Cochin Municipal Act, has been ordered to be given to the Municipality ?

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not yet decided.

Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is there not a provision in the Municipal Act by which the Government have to pay the value of these tanks? I am sure the Municipality will get it. I think 'the present value' are the words given in the Act.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* It applies only to Municipal areas.

Mr. President: The declaration of that policy was a recent one and we are trying our best to give effect to that.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether there are not tanks within the limits of the Trichur Municipality reserved exclusively for particular communities and maintained out of public funds ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is one at Koorkancheri.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* As far as we are concerned there is no objection to that tank being used by all communities freely. Whatever might have been the records it is used by every section and it may be declared so.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* When a Nayar bathed in that tank a few years ago he was assaulted.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether all these chiras were originally Devaswam chiras ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no definite information.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvus-Trichur):* Before this order was made did the Government consult the wishes of the Municipality ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. President : You are giving wrong information. Here was a tank on which the Municipality was spending funds. We thought that the Municipality ought not to spend any money upon a tank which is not open to all communities, and it is going to be maintained by the Devaswam. In fact we have imposed an obligation on the Devaswam.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What about the money spent by the Municipality after the Municipal Act came into force ?

Mr. President : It is for the Municipality to settle that claim.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is there any objection to order that the maintenance may be made out of public funds and that at the same time these tanks should be thrown open to all communities?

Mr. President *:* That could not be done in this particular case.

X-RAY EXPERT—EXTRA REMUNERATION—STOPPING OF.

91. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has passed any orders in pursuance of the assurance given by the Government that the practice of giving extra remuneration to the X-ray expert in the State shall be stopped ; and

(*b*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to pass the orders referred to in clause (*a*) in the year 1115 ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) No assurance that the practice will be stopped was given.

(*b*) Government have decided that no change in the practice is necessary.

TEXT BOOKS—CHANGES IN.

92. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether changes have been made in the text books prescribed for the schools in the State in Mathematics, Geography and History in the years 1112, 1113, 1114 and 1115 and what those changes are ;

(*b*) do the Government realise that the constant changes of text books add to the difficulties of the poor labouring classes and middle classes to educate their children ;

(*c*) was a committee appointed to write a series of graded text books to be used in the schools for some years ;

(*d*) if so, what is the kind of work that it has done till now ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes. Please see the statement appended for the details of the changes. *(Appendix II).*

(*b*) Yes and keeping this in view books are now generally prescribed for pretty long periods.

(*c*) and (*d*) No.

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